

from the affected units. She opened her home to children of commanders working on the recovery effort, relieving them to focus on obligations to their units.

Sarah's impact in the local community was no less remarkable. She was active in the Mount Spurr Elementary School PTA and Anchorage Faith and Family Church. Pastors Brant and Tamara Barker, founders of the church, have travelled from Alaska to Washington to celebrate Sarah's significant accomplishment.

Those who know Sarah best say she is a source of encouragement for all she meets. Her listening ears, compassionate words, and acts of kindness bring others support and hope.

The Air Force Spouse of the Year award is named after the late Joan Orr, wife of former Secretary of the Air Force Verne Orr. Mrs. Orr was a rare, inspirational leader who would accompany her husband on visits to bases, meeting with families and visiting community support facilities. During the Christmas holiday, the Orrs traveled to remote bases in my home State of Alaska to visit servicemembers who were separated from their families. Mrs. Orr had a passion for teaching dance. Even as she struggled with the debilitating effects of Lou Gehrig's disease, she never cancelled a dance class. From a wheelchair and using a writing slate when her voice failed, she taught up to 2 weeks before her death. Sarah, like Joan, realized she had something to give and the willingness in her heart to give it.

I offer warm congratulations to Sarah on her selection as the 2011 Air Force Spouse of the Year and wish her and her family a bright future.●

#### TRIBUTE TO PHILIP RUSH HALEY

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I honor an American patriot and a constituent of mine, Philip Rush Haley of Denham Springs, LA. Phil grew up in Baton Rouge, LA and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp in 1939 at age 18.

While stationed in Manila, Philippine Islands, Mr. Haley served as a guard outside the office of Admiral Hart, Commander in Chief of the Asiatic Fleet. After Admiral Hart left the Philippines, Mr. Haley relocated to Corregidor and was placed under the command of LTG Jonathan Wainwright. The American forces surrendered to the Japanese in 1942, and it was at this time Mr. Haley became a prisoner of war.

The State Times in Baton Rouge wrote an article entitled "Local Marine Declared Missing in Action." Most in his family thought Phil Haley was dead, but his mother maintained that Phil's strength and resilience would keep him alive. Nearly 1 year later, the Haley family received word that Phil was indeed alive at Mukden, a Japanese POW camp located in Manchuria, China.

Phil would be in the camp for 3½ years before the war ended and he was

liberated by the Russians. His positive attitude and perseverance, as his mother predicted, did indeed keep him alive.

Phil is still persevering. He understands the importance of service, and the Marine motto always faithful. Many consider him to be a patriarch and a well-respected leader in his church. He is constantly serving others in his community through his active involvement in First Baptist Church of Denham Springs. Phil is an ordained deacon, a member of the building committee, and a member of the "Helping Hands" team.

On this special day we will all look back and see the hallmarks of a life well lived. His quiet determination, unyielding kindness, and unyielding spirit have made him a pillar not only of a proud and loving family, but to all who have come to know him. Beneath a humble exterior lies a generous and kind soul. He is beloved not for a litany of accomplishments, but simply for who he is.

Tom Brokaw, in his book "The Greatest Generation," notes that their sacrifices made possible the many comforts and conveniences we enjoy today. It is my honor to pay tribute to this great American. He, like so many today, went into harm's way and sacrificed so much so that we can experience our liberties today. I am humbled to have the opportunity to express my appreciation for Mr. Philip Rush Haley's service to our country, and wish him all the best in years to come.●

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3304. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Editorial Correction to the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AE90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3305. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Model A109A and A109AH Helicopters" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0861) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3306. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company (GE) CF6-45 Series and CF6-50 Series Turbofan Engines" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0998) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3307. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truck Safety Standards; Concrete Cross-ties" (RIN2130-AC35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3308. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Procedures for Protests and Contract Disputes" (RIN2120-AJ82) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0840) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3309. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Model A109A, A109A II, A109C, and A109K2 Helicopters" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0823) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3310. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Area Navigation Route Q-37; Texas" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2009-0867) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3311. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hawaiian Islands, HI" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0754) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3312. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Copperhill, TN" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0402) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3313. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Forest, VA" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0378) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

\*Janice Eberly, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

\*Maurice B. Foley, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

\*Juan F. Vasquez, of Texas, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.